

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Depuydt et al.

Art Unit: Unknown

Serial No.: : Unknown

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For: Brush Head For Toothbrush

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Applicants hereby petition for the above referenced application to be made special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d). The reason for this petition is actual infringement (see MPEP 708.02(II)).

In support of this petition, Applicants' representative, the undersigned, states that:

- (1) There is an infringing product actually on the market. This product is manufactured by The Proctor & Gamble Company.
- (2) A rigid comparison has been made of this device with the claims of the application, and, in my opinion, at least some of these claims are unquestionably infringed.
- (3) I have caused a thorough search to be made of the prior art. I have also reviewed the prior art cited in the parent applications and the foreign counterparts thereof.

The references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims are already of record in the instant application because they were disclosed in either this application or US patent applications from which the instant application claims priority. As such, Applicants are not submitting herewith any further references (see MPEP 708.02(II)).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130 petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(h) and any additional fees, including extension fees, required by this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1350. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Howley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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